

## **Abstract**

A method for managing a network, the network comprising partitioning the network into at least one subnet, the at least one subnet including a plurality of clients,  
5 selecting one of the plurality of clients to be operable as a subnet controller, and selecting another of the plurality of clients to be operable as a successor subnet controller, the subnet controller and the successor subnet controller being operable for determining health of the plurality of  
10 clients within the at least one subnet.